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GM's Message 02.19.16

I hope our newsletter finds you well.

We had an excellent time at Neighborhood Council Civic University 2.0 on Tuesday with 8th District Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson sharing his organizing wisdom with participants so they know how to effectively gather community support for any issues they advocate for at City Hall. Councilmember Harris-Dawson emphasized the role of government as a place where people come together to fix problems in the neighborhood and that it can be a messy process. He also mentioned the importance of being prepared in presentations to City Council and of bringing a different way of thinking about an issue that



the City may not have considered already. Lastly, he left Civic U 2.0 with the words “organize, organize, organize” not just between Neighborhood Councils and their stakeholders, but also between Neighborhood Councils citywide. Many thanks to Councilmember Harris-Dawson for sharing his unique perspective of being both a community organizer and a City Councilmember! I’m looking forward to the presentations next week from the Civic U 2.0 working groups to Mayor Garcetti’s Chief of Staff, Ana Guerrero, CAO Miguel Santana, and Cal State LA President William Covino.

Another event that I’m looking forward to tomorrow is the presentation by LA Sanitation to the [Neighborhood Council Public Works Liaisons](#) at the Hyperion Treatment Plant. I want to appreciate LA Sanitation Director Enrique C. Zaldivar and his team for putting this presentation and tour together for our liaisons to know what LA Sanitation does for the City.



The Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance is also meeting tomorrow and not next Saturday to show how Neighborhood Councils can conduct full scale emergency exercises as Tarzana and Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Councils did in partnership with the Emergency Management Department. Check out the article below on United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council on what goes into such exercises. Pretty amazing!

If I don’t see you tomorrow, have a great weekend!

Best,

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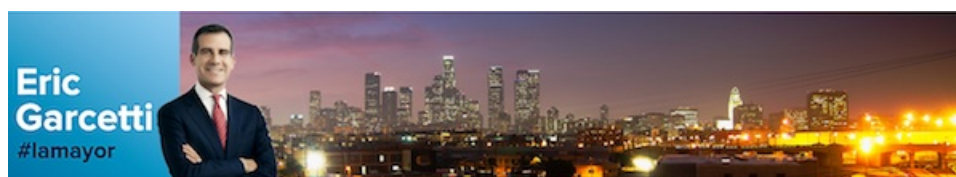
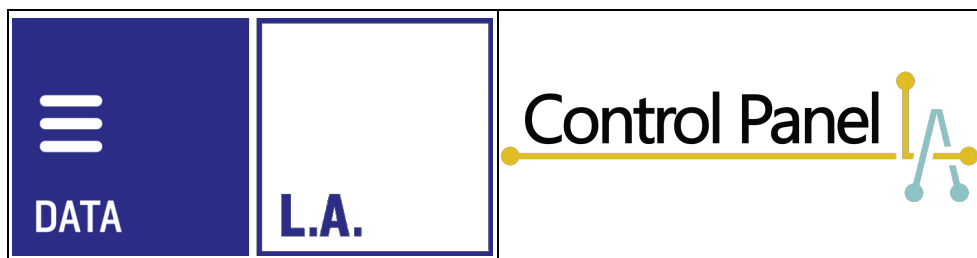


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Mayor's Message

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Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners hosted a special meeting on Thursday, February 18 at 1 pm at City Hall...

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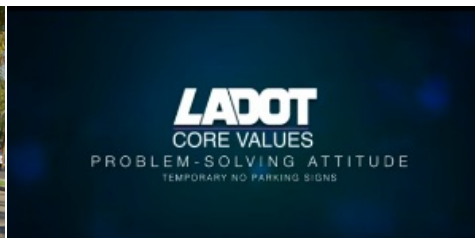
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UNNC Ramps up Emergency Preparedness

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LADWP Accepting Public Input on Proposed 2015 UWMP

Draft Urban Water Management Plan

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The Department of Cultural Affairs has announced the launch of the Arts Activation Fund to support creative, community-benefit projects in neighborhoods...

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Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office of Gang



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LADWP Lawn Be Gone Workshop

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out your lawn? Not sure where to begin? The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance is pleased to partner...

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Leaf Blower Exchange Registration

South Coast Air Quality Management Division sponsors an annual Leaf Blower Exchange Program that helps clean the air...

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Aliso Canyon Update

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Temporary Control of the Gas Leak – The SoCalGas Company announced on Thursday, February 11, 2016, that it temporarily has controlled the flow of natural gas from the leaking well (55-25) into the atmosphere at Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage facility. The SoCalGas Company has temporarily stopped the leak by pumping heavy fluids into the leaking well. This step is to be followed by pumping cement into the well 55-25 to permanently seal the well. The California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) needs to then confirm that the leak has been permanently stopped.

AQMD Aliso Canyon Public Hearing

The Hearing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) will hold a public hearing on the status...

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